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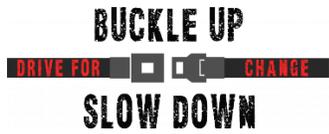


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<p>VIRGINIA CHILD SAFETY SEATBELT REAR SEAT REQUIREMENT</p> <p>REAR SEAT Children 12 and under must be properly secured in child safety seats in all motor vehicles unless otherwise specified. Child safety seats must be used in the rear seat of the vehicle unless there is no rear seat. If there is no rear seat, the child must be secured in the front seat. The child must be secured in the front seat only if there is no rear seat and the child is at least 13 years old.</p> <p>CHILD SAFETY SEAT Children 12 and under must be properly secured in child safety seats in all motor vehicles unless otherwise specified. Child safety seats must be used in the rear seat of the vehicle unless there is no rear seat. If there is no rear seat, the child must be secured in the front seat. The child must be secured in the front seat only if there is no rear seat and the child is at least 13 years old.</p> <p>CHILD SAFETY SEAT Children 12 and under must be properly secured in child safety seats in all motor vehicles unless otherwise specified. Child safety seats must be used in the rear seat of the vehicle unless there is no rear seat. If there is no rear seat, the child must be secured in the front seat. The child must be secured in the front seat only if there is no rear seat and the child is at least 13 years old.</p>	<p>4 STEPS OF CHILD SAFETY RESTRAINTS</p> <p>Birth - 2 REAR-FACING Children 2 years of age and under must be secured in rear-facing child safety seats. The child must be secured in the rear seat of the vehicle unless there is no rear seat. If there is no rear seat, the child must be secured in the front seat. The child must be secured in the front seat only if there is no rear seat and the child is at least 13 years old.</p> <p>2+ FORWARD-FACING Children 2 years of age and under must be secured in forward-facing child safety seats. The child must be secured in the rear seat of the vehicle unless there is no rear seat. If there is no rear seat, the child must be secured in the front seat. The child must be secured in the front seat only if there is no rear seat and the child is at least 13 years old.</p> <p>4-12 BOOSTER Children 4 years of age and under must be secured in booster seats. The child must be secured in the rear seat of the vehicle unless there is no rear seat. If there is no rear seat, the child must be secured in the front seat. The child must be secured in the front seat only if there is no rear seat and the child is at least 13 years old.</p> <p>8-ADULT SEAT BELT Children 8 years of age and under must be secured in adult seat belts. The child must be secured in the rear seat of the vehicle unless there is no rear seat. If there is no rear seat, the child must be secured in the front seat. The child must be secured in the front seat only if there is no rear seat and the child is at least 13 years old.</p>
<p>SAFETY CHECKLIST</p> <p>Check all the items below to make sure your child is properly restrained.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use the proper child safety seat for the child's age, weight, and height.• Use the proper booster seat for the child's age, weight, and height.• Use the proper adult seat belt for the child's age, weight, and height.• Use the proper child safety seat for the child's age, weight, and height.• Use the proper booster seat for the child's age, weight, and height.• Use the proper adult seat belt for the child's age, weight, and height.	

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Seat Belt Fit Test: Four easy questions to determine if your child is ready to transition to an adult seat belt <https://www.boosterseats4safety.org/about-booster-seats/>

Booster seat video: Our award-winning video on Booster Seat Use illustrates that booster seats are for big kids too. We have two versions of our video – an expanded 4-minute version and a 30-second PSA version. Both are available in Spanish as well as English.

Four-minute version:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D9EGCi922Ps> (English with subtitles)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rZhLFMXqxwA> (Spanish with subtitles)

30-second PSA:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qu1BgO0KqYE> (English with subtitles)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z5dFk5U_Sck (Spanish with subtitles)

Posters/Flyers: Is your child big enough? Downloadable posters on booster seat use. Available in English as well as Spanish. You can find the posters on our resources page <https://www.boosterseats4safety.org/resources-for-parents/>

4-Stages guide to child occupant protection: A one-page guide to child occupant protection from rear-facing until appropriate adult belt use. Available in English as well as Spanish. You can find the guide on our resources page <https://www.boosterseats4safety.org/resources-for-parents/>

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